

From: [Seager, Cheryl](#)
To: [Gray, David](#)
Cc: [Coleman, Sam](#)
Subject: Re: Wall Street Journal interview request
Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 10:21:01 AM

David - we are contacting Jim Gold to determine if he can get to the Houston lab to get equipment and to determine accessibility in the Manchester area. After we hear back from him we will coordinate with TCEQ.

Also following up to get specifics on any monitoring done by Houston.

Have follow up call with Valero tentatively scheduled for 1:00 pm.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 5, 2017, at 10:12 AM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

We are making a few changes.

From: Coleman, Sam
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 9:30 AM
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Good here.

I have asked the Enforcement team for an update.

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On Sep 5, 2017, at 7:33 AM, Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov> wrote:

GM Liz,

Draft Draft Draft

EPA continues to conduct ambient air monitoring in Houston, and is focusing on an area of potential concern associated with reported air emissions from a Valero facility in Houston. EPA has been on-scene conducting real-time air monitoring near the facility. None of the readings collected by EPA have been above screening levels for volatile organic compounds in the air. EPA continues to investigate complaints in the area. EPA's Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzer (TAGA) air monitoring bus will conduct air monitoring in southeast Houston around the Valero Refinery today.

Background:

The Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzer (TAGA) is a self-contained mobile laboratory capable of real-time monitoring and sampling/analysis of outdoor air or emissions. The instrumentation refers both to the analytical instrument and the mobile laboratory built around it. The instrumentation aboard a TAGA mobile

laboratory includes: A TAGA mass spectrometer/mass spectrometer (MS/MS), which provides real-time monitoring for many organic and inorganic compounds at the part-per-billion by volume (ppbv) levels or lower. An Agilent gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer (GC/MS), which analyzes volatile organic compounds at the ppbv level or lower in air samples collected in Tedlar[®] bags using a loop injection system. A global positioning system (GPS), which supplies accurate, real-time positional data during mobile monitoring or stationary events.

From: Bowman, Liz
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Does anyone have this information?

From: Evans, Melanie [<mailto:melanie.evans@wsj.com>]
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Hello Liz,

Can I find out what type of oversight or involvement the EPA has at Valero Partners Houston, which has reported a release of benzene from Harvey-related damage. What kind of air monitoring has the EPA conducted there and what has that monitoring determined?

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On Mon, Sep 4, 2017 at 1:36 PM, Bowman, Liz
<Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Melanie – Let me see if a technical expert is available to talk with you. Thank you – Liz

From: Evans, Melanie [mailto:melanie.evans@wsj.com]
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Hello,

This is Melanie Evans at the Wall Street Journal. If someone's free in the next two hours, I am hoping to interview someone at the EPA about efforts to monitor air quality in Texas communities affected by Hurricane Harvey. I am pulling together a story about initial reports from companies to the TCEQ on air emissions events.

I am now in New York and can be reached at [212-416-3708](tel:212-416-3708).

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